

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Remarks**

In response to the Office Action of May 21, 2004 in which claims 1-14 were rejected, and specifically in which claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Buenik (U.S. Patent No. 2,606,570), claims 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Buenik in view of Bowen (U.S. Patent No. 1,841,354), claims 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Buenik in view of Bowen and Hollowell (U.S. Patent No. 2,254,655), and claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Buenik in view of Inada (U.S. Patent No. 3,971,406), Applicant amends claims 1, 10 and 14, and to clarify the patentable subject matter of the invention and adds claims 15-18. No new matter has been added.

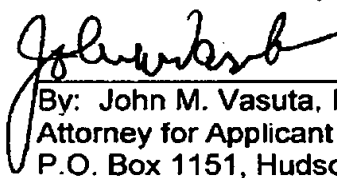
Applicant acknowledges that Buenik is a tire inflation and relief valve, but Applicant points out that it operates very differently and has very different parts and components. Buenik includes springs 35 and 37 which cannot operate independently of each other due to being in series with each other with a moveable collar 34 therebetween. As such Buenik cannot operate in any manner similar to that of the present invention which has independent springs 26 and 34. None of the other references including Bowen, Hollowell, and Inada, when taken alone teach all of the elements of the claims of the present invention, and there is no teaching to combine any of these other references to overcome this deficiency in the Buenik reference.

As a result of the amending of claims 1, 10 and 14, Applicant submits that these claims and all of the claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the references. As a result of this, Applicant has not responded to each and every detail as noted by the Examiner in rejecting these claims although Applicant notes and is reserving the right to later argue that the Examiner has overly simplified the parts of the respective prior art and the Applicant's invention to make arguments that are not justified by the specifications of the prior art in rejecting the claims 1-14.

Applicant further notes that in response to the Draftsman's comments, formal drawings are provided herewith. If the facsimile submission is not clear, Applicant will be glad to provide a mailed copy, and Applicant asks that the Examiner let Applicant's counsel know if such mailing is necessary.

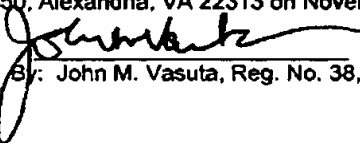
In addition, Applicants acknowledges that this Office Action was dated May 21, 2004 and as such a response was due on August 21, 2004, or with a three month extension of time by November 21, 2004 (which was a Sunday and thus November 22, 2004). A three month extension of time is required for any response and is hereby attached.

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